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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2002.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-50 and 56-178 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-50 and 56-178 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☒ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

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1 Part III DETAILED ACTION

2 **Remarks**

3 Claims 1-178 are presented for examination.

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5 **Specification**

6 The specification is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(d) for failing to failing

7 to provide clear antecedent basis for the terms and phrases used in the claims.

8 In particular, the specification fails to adequately link the corresponding structure,

9 material, or acts in the specification with the particular means plus function

10 limitations of claims 64-81 and 141-158. Per MPEP 2181, the Applicants are

11 required to either (a) state on the record or (b) amend the specification to state

12 the corresponding structure, material or acts to perform the recited function.

13 MPEP 2181, p. 2100-219 particularly the paragraph beginning at the bottom of

14 column 1 and ending in column 2.

15 The specification is objected to under 37 CFR 1.74 for failing to provide a

16 description of Figures 11, 12, and 15 in the detailed description of the invention.

17 The following information may be helpful to the Applicants in responding to this

18 requirement. On page 54 at line 27, the cited figure does not match its

19 description in the text and appears to be a description of Figure 11. On page 58

20 at line 27, the cited figure does not match its description in the text and appears

21 to be a description of Figure 12.

22 The abstract is objected to under 37 CFR 1.72(b) because it is not

23 commensurate in scope with the claimed subject matter. The Examiner suggests

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1 copying the abstract from the parent application and adding text describing the
2 use of the preprocessed data to access a system that is not controlled by an
3 operator of the central broadcast server. See MPEP 608.01(b).

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5 ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

6 The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for
7 all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

8 (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described
9 as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to
10 be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been
11 obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which
12 said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the
13 invention was made.

14
15 This application currently names joint inventors. In considering
16 patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that
17 the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any
18 inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary.
19 Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor
20 and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a
21 later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of
22 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35
23 U.S.C. 103(a).

24 **'958 v. Ammons and '721**

25 Claims 1-3, 14-25, 29-36, 44, 49-50, 60-66, 78-84, 96-107, 111-118, 126,
26 131-132, 137-143, 153-158, 161-178 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as
27 being unpatentable over McCoy et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,790,958, in view of

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1 Ammons, B., "RBDS for Your Station!"
2 <http://www.crlsystems.com/crl/tech/rbds.htm>, Circuit Research Labs, Inc., pp. 1-
3 13, Sep. 1995, and May, U.S. Patent No. 5,043,721. In this Office action, any
4 apparatus claim will be discussed before its corresponding method claim, even
5 though the method claims numerically precede the apparatus claims. Since
6 claims 82-84, 96-107, 111-118, 126, 131-132, 137-143, and 153-158 are
7 duplicate claims as discussed above, separate reasons for rejection will not be
8 given.

9 **Claims 64-66 and 78-81:**

10 Regarding claim 64, the preamble will be given patentable weight since
11 the claim body refers back to the preamble. McCoy teaches the invention
12 substantially as claimed by disclosing a data transmission system comprising:

13 Remote computing devices (Fig. 1 elem. 20);

14 Means for transmitting preprocessed data at said central broadcast server
15 (Fig. 1 elem. 44);

16 Means for instantaneously notifying said computing devices of receipt of
17 said preprocessed data (Col. 2 lines 51-62).

18 McCoy does not teach a system comprising:

19 Means for transmitting data from an information source to a central
20 broadcast server;

21 Means for preprocessing said data at said central broadcast server;

22 Wherein said remote computing devices are notified of receipt of said
23 preprocessed data whether said computing devices are on or off.

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1 Ammons on the other hand discloses a system comprising:

2 Means for transmitting data from an information source to a central

3 broadcast server (p. 2 FM radio station transmitter);

4 Means for preprocessing said data at said central broadcast server (p. 2

5 RBDS generator).

6 It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

7 invention was made to combine Ammon's system for preprocessing data from an

8 information server and broadcasting the data to remote computing devices with

9 the radio reception system of McCoy based upon McCoy's explicit teaching that

10 the broadcast signal is encoded and decoded according to the RBDS standard

11 (Col. 1 lines 25-39).

12 May on the other hand teaches means for notifying said computing

13 devices wherein said remote computing devices are notified of receipt of said

14 preprocessed data whether said computing devices are on or off (Fig. 2; Col. 3

15 lines 61-68).

16 It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

17 invention was made to combine May's system for waking up the remote

18 computing device upon the receipt of data with McCoy's remote computing

19 device because it reduces the amount of power consumed by the remote

20 computing.

21 Regarding claim 65, McCoy teaches means for wirelessly transmitting said

22 preprocessed data to remote receivers (Fig. 1).

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1 Regarding claim 66, McCoy teaches means for transmitting said
2 preprocessed data using a paging network (Col. 1 lines 58-67; Col. 2 lines 50-
3 62).

4 Regarding claim 78, McCoy teaches a system comprising alert means
5 which when activated allows display of data (Fig. 7 elem. 306).

6 Regarding claim 79, Ammons teaches means for sending data on groups
7 of pooled capcodes (pp. 7-9 nonpublic messages).

8 Regarding claim 80, Ammons teaches means for multiplexing data over
9 multiple capcodes to be reassembled at said user as if data were sent over a
10 single capcode (pp. 7-9 nonpublic messages).

11 Regarding claim 81, Ammons teaches means for assigning, transmitting,
12 receiving, and combining (pp. 7-9 nonpublic messages).

13 **Claims 1-3, 14-25, 29-36, 44, 49-50, 60-63:**

14 Regarding claims 1-3, 14, and 61-63, they are method claims
15 corresponding to apparatus claims 64-66 and 78-81. Since they do not teach or
16 define above the information in the corresponding apparatus claims, they are
17 rejected under the same basis. The claims correspond as follows: 1 with 64, 2
18 with 65, 3 with 66, 14 with 78, 61 with 79, 62 with 80, and 63 with 81.

19 Regarding claim 14, McCoy teaches a method comprising providing alert
20 means which when activated allows display of data (Fig. 7 elem. 306).

21 Regarding claim 15, McCoy teaches a method wherein said alert means
22 comprises a visual alert (Fig. 7 elem. 306).

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1 Regarding claim 16, McCoy teaches a method wherein said alert means
2 comprises a audio alert (Fig. 7 elem. 306).

3 Regarding claim 17, McCoy teaches a method comprising providing a
4 dockable user interface alert panel on a display communicating with computing
5 device for providing alerts to said user, wherein said alert panel is dockable on
6 top of other applications (Col. 14 line 56 to Col. 15 line 13).

7 Regarding claim 18, McCoy teaches a method comprising displaying fly-in
8 graphics and icon buttons to alert said user that new data has been received by
9 said computing device (Col. 14 line 56 to Col. 15 line 13).

10 Regarding claim 19, McCoy teaches a method wherein said alerts reflect
11 type of information present at computing device (Col. 14 line 56 to Col. 15 line
12 13).

13 Regarding claim 20, Ammons teaches deriving redundant packets for
14 transmission to said user (p. 7).

15 Regarding claim 21, McCoy teaches parceling a data block into one
16 incoming message, parceling said messages into k packets, and computing a
17 CRC (Fig. 6).

18 Regarding claim 22, McCoy teaches a method wherein packets include
19 information and parity portions (Fig. 2).

20 Regarding claim 23, McCoy teaches a method comprising performing
21 error correction and detection on said code words after said data packets have
22 been parceled (Cols. 10-11).

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1 Regarding claim 24, McCoy teaches a method comprising assembling a
2 data block from said code words (Cols. 10-11).

3 Regarding claim 25, McCoy teaches the steps of counting, determining,
4 saving, discarding, and assembling (Cols. 10-12).

5 Regarding claim 29, official notice is hereby taken of the fact that
6 differencing algorithms are well known in the art as a way of compressing data
7 streams in wireless systems.

8 Regarding claim 30, Ammons teaches the step of processing data in
9 accordance with feed type from said information source (pp. 2-4 data groups as
10 feed types).

11 Regarding claim 31, Ammons teaches a method wherein said feed type
12 comprises binary type feeds (p. 2 RBDS signal).

13 Regarding claim 32, McCoy teaches a method wherein said feed type
14 comprises common user information type fields (Col. 2 lines 14-20).

15 Regarding claim 33, Ammons teaches a system wherein said feed type
16 comprises feeds for modifying registry keys which control processing of data
17 (Ammons p. 11 new uses for groups 5, 6, and 7).

18 Regarding claim 34, McCoy teaches a method further comprising the step
19 of using tags to differentiate types of information (Col. 4 lines 29-50).

20 Regarding claim 35, McCoy teaches a method further comprising the step
21 of instantaneously alerting said user to personal alerts through the use of sound,
22 graphics, bit maps or video, wherein said user can instantaneously access
23 information (Col. 14 line 56 to Col. 15 line 13).

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1 Regarding claim 36, McCoy teaches a method further comprising the step
2 of encoding said data with information relating to message parameters for
3 filtering (Col. 14 lines 56-67 paging code as filtering parameter).

4 Regarding claim 44, Ammons teaches the step of modifying said
5 preprocessed data instantaneously and wirelessly (p. 2 adding RBDS subcarrier
6 to FM stereo program).

7 Regarding claim 49, McCoy teaches a method wherein said information
8 source may be an Internet access provider providing data feeds (Col. 2 lines 1-
9 13; Col. 13 line 66 to Col. 14 line 4).

10 Regarding claim 50, McCoy teaches a method wherein said information
11 source may be an on-line service provider providing data feeds (Col. 2 lines 1-13;
12 Col. 13 line 66 to Col. 14 line 4).

13 Regarding claim 60, McCoy teaches a method comprising transmitting
14 said preprocessed data utilizing a FM subcarrier, digital, analog, cellular, GSM or
15 PCS carrier (Col. 2 lines 24-39).

16 **'958 v. Ammons and '721 and '338**

17 Claims 4-6, 67-69, 85-87, and 144-146 are rejected under 35
18 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCoy in view of Ammons and May
19 and Schwob, U.S. Patent No. 5,732,338. Since claims 85-87 and 144-146 are
20 duplicate claims as discussed above, separate reasons for rejection will not be
21 given.

22 **Claims 67-69:**

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1 Regarding claim 67, the combination of McCoy in view of Ammons and
2 May teaches the invention substantially as claimed. See section 14 for the
3 rejection of parent claim 65. The combination of McCoy in view of Ammons and
4 May does not teach the additional limitation of claim 67. Schwob on the other
5 hand discloses a system wherein preprocessed data is transmitted utilizing a
6 vertical blanking interval (Col. 3 lines 8-13). It would have been obvious to one of
7 ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the
8 combination of McCoy in view of Ammons and May by substituting Schwob's VBI
9 transmission scheme for the FM subcarrier transmission scheme of the
10 combination. This modification would have been obvious given Schwob's
11 teaching that FM subcarrier and VBI transmission schemes are alternate ways of
12 broadcasting data (Cols. 2-3).

13 Regarding claim 68, Schwob teaches means for transmitting said
14 preprocessed data using a satellite system (Col. 2 lines 56-62).

15 Regarding claim 69, Schwob teaches means for transmitting said
16 preprocessed data to remote receivers by wired transmission (Col. 2 lines 56-
17 62).

18 **Claims 4-6:**

19 Regarding claims 4-6, they are method claims corresponding to apparatus
20 claims 67-69, respectively. Since they do not teach or define above the
21 information in the corresponding apparatus claims, they are rejected under the
22 same basis.

23 **'958 v. Ammons and '721 and '415 and '652**

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1 Claims 7-13, 59, 70-77, 82-84, 88-107, 111-118, 126, 131-133, 136-143,
2 136-143, 147-158, and 161-178 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being
3 unpatentable over McCoy in view of Ammons and May and Rossman, U.S.
4 Patent No. 5,809,415, and Jacobson, U.S. Patent No. 5,442,652. Since claims
5 88-95, 136, and 147-154 are duplicate claims as discussed above, separate
6 reasons for rejection will not be given.

7 **Claims 70-77:**

8 Regarding claim 70, the combination of McCoy in view of Ammons and
9 Lee teaches the invention substantially as claimed. See section 8 for the
10 rejection of parent claim 64.

11 The combination of McCoy in view of Ammons and Lee does not teach the
12 additional limitation of claim 70.

13 Rossman on the other hand discloses a system further comprising means
14 for attaching to said preprocessed data an Internet address location of said
15 preprocessed data (Col. 6).

16 It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the
17 invention was made to combine Rossman's system for attaching a resource
18 locator to a paging message with the paging system of the combination of McCoy
19 in view of Ammons and May. This combination would have been obvious
20 because a person of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that
21 downloading a message including a locator for a much larger object and
22 subsequently retrieving the larger object through a higher bandwidth channel
23 conserves the limited bandwidth of the FM subcarrier channel.

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1 Jacobson on the other hand discloses means for providing said user with
2 an automatic connection back to said information source for obtaining further
3 information related to said preprocessed data (Col. 1 lines 23-38 response via
4 dedicated telephone line). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in
5 the art at the time the invention was made to combine the Jacobson's return
6 communication path via telephone line with the paging system of the combination
7 of McCoy in view of Ammons and May. This combination would have been
8 obvious because a person of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that
9 downloading a message including a locator for a much larger object and
10 subsequently retrieving the larger object through a higher bandwidth channel
11 conserves the limited bandwidth of the FM subcarrier channel.

12 Regarding claim 71, Rossman teaches a system wherein said Internet
13 address location is a URL (Cols. 23 & 38).

14 Regarding claim 72, Rossman teaches means for providing an automatic
15 connection back to said information source through a user activating a single
16 function on said computing device (Cols. 12-13).

17 Regarding claim 73, Rossman teaches a system wherein said single
18 function comprises a single click on said computing device (Cols. 12-13).

19 Regarding claim 74, Jacobson teaches a system wherein said connection
20 back to said information source is an automated wired connection (Col. 1 lines
21 23-38 response via dedicated telephone line).

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1 Regarding claim 75, Rossman teaches a system wherein said connection
2 back to said information source is an automated wireless connection (Cols. 11-
3 14).

4 Regarding claim 76, Rossman teaches means for determining, attaching,
5 transmitting, extracting, and displaying (Cols. 11-14).

6 Regarding claim 77, Rossman teaches means for launching an Internet
7 browser and passing said Internet address location to said browser for automatic
8 connection back to said information source (Cols. 11-14).

9 **Claims 7-13 and 58-59:**

10 Regarding claims 7-13, they are method claims corresponding to
11 apparatus claims 70-77. Since they do not teach or define above the information
12 in the corresponding apparatus claims, they are rejected under the same basis.
13 The claims correspond as follows: 7 with 70, 8 with 71, 9 with 72, second claim 9
14 with 73, 10 with 74, 11 with 75, 12 with 76, 13 with 77.

15 Regarding claim 59, the combination of McCoy in view of Ammons and
16 Lee teaches the invention substantially as claimed. See section 8 for the
17 rejection of parent claim 1. The combination of McCoy in view of Ammons and
18 Lee does not teach the additional limitation of claim 58. Rossman on the other
19 hand discloses a method further comprising attaching to said preprocessed data
20 an Internet address location of said preprocessed data for providing to said user
21 a message that causes a process or transaction on said computing device to
22 occur (Cols. 11-14). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art
23 at the time the invention was made to combine Rossman's system for attaching a

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1 resource locator to preprocessed data with the system of the combination of
2 McCoy in view of Ammons and May for the reasons given in the rejection of
3 claim 70.

4 Regarding claim 59, Rossman teaches a system wherein said Internet
5 address is a proprietary on-line addressing scheme (Cols. 19-20 network
6 translator).

7 **Claims 82-84, 88-107, 111-118, 126, 131-133, 136-143, 136-143, 147-158:**

8 Regarding claim 82, it is an method claim that generally corresponds to
9 method claim 7 above except for the fact that it does not specifically claim a
10 system wherein the computing devices use preprocessed data containing a URL
11 to access a system. Claim 82 claims this feature more broadly by requiring said
12 computing devices to use said preprocessed data to access a system. Claim 82
13 is silent as to the exact mechanism used to access the system. However, since
14 the combination as applied to claim 7 also falls within the scope of claim 82, the
15 remarks given with respect to claim 7 also apply to claim 82. Claim 82 also
16 contains the limitation that the system accessed using the preprocessed data not
17 be controlled by an operator of the central broadcasting server. Rossman
18 teaches this feature by showing that the servers being accessed can be on a
19 corporate WAN, a corporate LAN, or the Internet (col. 4 lines 34-37 and col. 8
20 lines 37-59). Rossman makes clear that the server computer can be *any*
21 computer on a computer network having an interface to the data capable cellular
22 telephone network (col. 8 lines 37-45). A person of ordinary skill in the art would
23 reasonably infer that the word "any" includes servers that are not controlled by

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1 the operator of the central broadcasting server based on logical reasoning.
2 Official notice is hereby taken of the fact that no single organization or individual
3 controls all servers on the Internet. When this fact is considered in view of
4 Rossman's statement, a person would reasonably infer that if Rossman's system
5 teaches access to any server, Rossman must also teach the accessing of a
6 server not controlled by an operator of the central broadcasting server.

7 Regarding claims 83-84, 88-107, 111-118, 126, 131-133, 136-140, they
8 introduce additional limitations that are identical to one of the claims discussed
9 above that depend on claim 1. Since the reasons for rejection were given above,
10 they will not be repeated here.

11 Regarding claim 141, it is an apparatus claim corresponding to method
12 claim 82. Since it does not teach or define above the information in the
13 corresponding method claim, it is rejected under the same basis.

14 Regarding claims 142-143 and 147-158, they introduce additional
15 limitations that are identical to one of the claims discussed above that depend on
16 claim 64. Since the reasons for rejection were given above, they will not be
17 repeated here.

18 **Claims 161-178:**

19 Regarding claims 161-178, they are broader method claims addressed to
20 essentially the same subject matter as the claims discussed above and are
21 rejected for under the same basis.

22 **'958 v. Ammons and '721 and Beam**

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1 Claims 37-43, 45-48, and 56-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as
2 being unpatentable over McCoy in view of Ammons and May and Beam, M., "A
3 Summary of Broadcasting Technologies and Potential Applications in Today's
4 Market," http://www.dungeon.com/~start/rds_0030.html, pp. 1-8, 1994.

5 **Claims 37-48:**

6 Regarding claim 37, the combination of McCoy in view of Ammons and
7 May teaches the invention substantially as claimed. See the rejection of claim 1.
8 The combination does not teach the additional limitations of claim 37.

9 Beam on the other hand discloses a method further comprising the steps
10 of:

11 Monitoring said transmissions using multiple viewers (p. 6);

12 Filtering said transmitted preprocessed data (p. 6);

13 Post processing said preprocessed data (p. 6);

14 Notifying said user instantaneously of receipt of filtered postprocessed
15 data (p. 6).

16 It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the
17 invention was made to combine Beam's method for delivering multiple services to
18 a personal computer using a broadcast network with the data broadcast system
19 of the combination of McCoy in view of Ammons and May. This combination
20 would have been obvious of McCoy's explicit teaching to configure the radio data
21 reception system to "accommodate a user and access only desired information"
22 (Col. 14 lines 41-44).

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1 Regarding claim 38, Beam teaches a method comprising filtering said
2 transmitted preprocessed data in accordance with preferences set by said user
3 (p. 6).

4 Regarding claim 39, Beam teaches a method comprising setting said
5 preferences with respect to sound, video, and animation (p. 6).

6 Regarding claim 40, Beam teaches a method comprising filtering said
7 preprocessed data in accordance with virtual addresses (p. 6).

8 Regarding claim 41, Beam teaches a method comprising filtering said
9 preprocessed data in accordance with physical addresses (p. 6).

10 Regarding claim 42, Beam teaches the step of controlling said viewers
11 from said central broadcast server (p. 6).

12 Regarding claim 43, Beam teaches the step of activating said
13 preprocessed data at a scheduled time (p. 5).

14 Regarding claim 45, Beam teaches the step of activating services
15 wirelessly through activation codes which enable or disable services (p. 6).

16 Regarding claim 46, Beam teaches the step of adding viewers from said
17 central broadcast server (p. 6).

18 Regarding claim 47, Beam teaches the step of removing viewers from said
19 central processing server (p. 6).

20 Regarding claim 48, McCoy teaches the step of recombining, decoding
21 and decompressing said preprocessed data (Cols. 10-12).

22 Regarding claim 56, Beam teaches the step of displaying contextual
23 graphics on said computing device to show data in a predefined format (p. 6).

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1 Regarding claim 57, Beam teaches the step of claim 57 wherein said
2 predefined format is a scoreboard (p. 6).

3 **'958 v. Ammons and '721 and '415 and '652 and '338**

4 Claims 4-6, 67-69, 85-87, and 144-146 are rejected under 35
5 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCoy in view of Ammons and May
6 and Schwob, U.S. Patent No. 5,732,338. Since claims 85-87, and 144-146
7 introduce limitations that are identical to claims 4-6 and 67-69, the reasons for
8 rejection and the reasons for the combination are given above with respect to
9 claims 4-6 and 67-69 and will not be repeated here.

10 **'958 v. Ammons and '721 and '415 and '652 and '302**

11 Claims 108-110 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being
12 unpatentable over McCoy in view of Ammons and May and Rossman and
13 Jacobson and further in view of Geiger, U.S. Patent No. 5,701,302. Since claims
14 108-110 introduce limitations that are identical to claims 26-28, the reasons for
15 rejection and the reasons for the combination are given above with respect to
16 claims 26-28 and will not be repeated here.

17 **'958 v. Ammons and '721 and '415 and '652 and Beam**

18 Claims 119-125, 127-130, and 133-134 are rejected under 35
19 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCoy in view of Ammons and May
20 and Rossman and Jacobson and further in view of Beam, M., "A Summary of
21 Broadcasting Technologies and Potential Applications in Today's Market,"
22 http://www.dungeon.com/~start/rds_0030.html, pp. 1-8, 1994. Since claims 119-
23 125, 127-130, and 133-134 introduce limitations that are identical to claims 37-

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43, 45-48, and 56-57, the reasons for rejection and the reasons for the combination are given above with respect to claims 37-43, 45-48, and 56-57 and will not be repeated here.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed on December 12, 2002 (paper no. 9) have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

As to the Applicants' remarks filed on December 12, 2002 (paper no. 9) regarding the Examiner's objection to the information disclosure statement, they have been considered and the Form 1449 accompanying the information disclosure statement has been remailed with this Office action with all references initialed. The Examiner has considered all of the *legible* portions of the Motorola reference dated July 24, 1995 (second non-patent reference on sheet 2/7). The Examiner's decision to consider the IDS in this manner has to be reviewed within the context of the prosecution history of the parent application. In the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 9, 1999 (paper no. 7) in the parent application, the Applicants state that a copy of the reference at issue was submitted to the Office but was never matched to the file. Whether the copy the Applicants submitted was actually legible will never be known. Assuming it was, the Applicants should have reasonably foreseen that an organization that receives as much paperwork as the PTO might, on rare occasions, lose papers. The Applicants should have at least kept a legible copy for their own file. Under these

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1 circumstances, where both sides share some degree of responsibility for the lack
2 of a legible copy, the Examiner fails to see how the Applicants can expect
3 anything other than the legible portions of the Motorola reference to be. So with
4 this statement explaining the degree of consideration given the reference, the
5 Examiner has remailed the IDS having indicated that the Motorola reference at
6 issue has been considered to the degree indicated above.

7 As to the Applicants' arguments filed on December 12, 2002 (paper no. 9)
8 regarding the objection to the specification for failing to provide clear antecedent
9 basis for the subject matter of means plus function claims (64-81 and 141-158),
10 the remarks have been considered. Per MPEP 2181, the objection has been
11 rephrased to require the Applicants to either state on the record the
12 corresponding structure or to amend the specification. The Applicant can choose
13 which alternative is most appropriate. As to the argument that the Examiner
14 interpret the means plus function limitation consistently with *Serrano v. Tular*
15 *Corp.*, 111 F.3d 1578, 1583 (Fed. Cir. 1997), the Examiner believes that his
16 interpretation is consistent. The Applicant is merely being required to comply
17 with the duty to link or associate structure to the function that is the quid pro quo
18 for the convenience of employing 35 U.S.C 112, sixth paragraph. In re
19 *Wolfensperger*, 302 F.2d at 955, 133 USPQ at 542.

20 The need to clearly link structure with a particular function is best
21 considered in view of the Applicants' response. On pages 15-16, the Applicants
22 argue that the structure disclosed in May does not teach means for notifying said
23 computing devices wherein said remote computing devices are notified of said

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1 preprocessed data whether said computing devices are on or off. The Applicants
2 point to the structure of Figure 11 and say it is a separate interface system that
3 does not require the remote computing device (e.g. Fig. 1 elem. 14) to be turned
4 on. In support, the Applicants appear to rely on the brief description of the
5 drawings, which describes Figure 11 as a user *remote* interface for controlling
6 the computer interface (p. 7 lines 29-31). This interpretation is not consistent
7 with the remainder of the specification. The specification describes the user
8 receiver (Fig. 1 elem. 32) as a two-part device including an ISA board inside the
9 user computer and an external wireless receiver (p. 38 lines 15-30). This
10 separate receiver is described as having an indicator such as a flashing LED.
11 The external wireless receiver's user interface is therefore very minimal. The
12 external receiver and its corresponding ISA interface board are controlled by the
13 message server software (Fig. 1 elem. 18 and Fig. 10) running on the user
14 computer. The specification shows that the alert panel of Figure 11 only receives
15 messages from the underlying wireless receiver hardware via the VxD (Fig. 1
16 elem. 44). The VxD is describes as a Windows 95 driver or equivalent (p. 41 line
17 30 to p. 42 line 1). Given this disclosure, one of ordinary skill in the art would
18 reasonably conclude that the alert panel of Figure 11 is software running on the
19 user/personal computer. The Examiner fails to see any teaching in the
20 specification of the alert panel of Figure 11 somehow operating on external
21 wireless receiver or any other external system. A person of ordinary skill in the
22 art would not reasonably infer that Windows 95 software using features of the
23 Windows graphical user interface features and receiving data from a Windows

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1 device driver would also operate on a the external wireless device having a very
2 simplistic user interface (i.e., a flashing LED or equivalent). The external
3 wireless device would not be capable of running Windows 95 or an equivalent
4 operating system. The particular structure associated with the function by the
5 Applicants (i.e., the alert panel of Fig. 11) is therefore incapable of performing the
6 particular function. Windows software cannot operate if the computer on which it
7 runs is turned off. Based on this discussion, the Examiner concludes that the
8 objection to the specification is reasonable. After all, if the Applicants, who know
9 their invention best, have difficulty in associating structure with function, the
10 public would as well.

11 As to the prior art rejections, the arguments filed on December 12, 2002
12 (paper no. 9) have been fully considered but are not deemed persuasive. The
13 Applicants argue that the prior art of record does not teach or suggest means for
14 notifying said computing devices wherein said remote computing devices are
15 notified of receipt of said preprocessed data whether said computing devices are
16 on or off. The Applicants argue that May requires a device to wake up a turned
17 off portable computing device before notifying the woken up portable computing
18 device of the pager signal/preprocessed data. The Examiner fails to see why this
19 structure does not perform the function at issue. If the computer is off, May's
20 system wakes it up and then provides the message. If the computer is on, May's
21 system just provides the message without waking the computer up. Whether the
22 computer is on or off, the computer of May is notified of the receipt of
23 preprocessed data.

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Conclusion

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Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.**

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See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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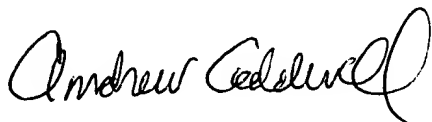
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